

ACRONICTA RUMICIS L. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) — LARVAL FOODPLANT IN IRELAND. — This moth, whose larva is encountered only occasionally, and usually singly, feeds in mainland Britain on a wide variety of herbaceous plants, and occasionally on shrubs and trees, and I can find only two references indicating distinct local preference, these for hop (*Humulus lupulus*) and creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), both in Chalmers-Hunt (*Butterflies and Moths of Kent*, 1968, II, 265).

In 1987 I found between half-a-dozen and a dozen nearly full fed larvae of *rumicis* at Newport, Co. Mayo, 28.viii, near Rinnamona, Co. Clare, 29.viii and near Partry, Co. Mayo, 1.ix., all upon bog myrtle (*Myrica gale*), a plant not listed in the text books for this species. As the moth is not uncommon and is widespread in the Burren of Clare, and bog myrtle has a distinctly limited distribution there, there must be other larval foodplants over most of the area.

The time of appearance of these larvae in the almost full fed stage, and the fact that no moths emerged, although the pupae were residing indoors, until the end of October, provide additional confirmation of the insect's univoltinism in Counties Mayo and Clare. However, from some *A. menyanthidis* larvae obtained exactly a month earlier at Rinnamona, a fine female moth emerged 17.x. Finally, I noticed that the *rumicis* I obtained in Co. Clare in June are distinctly paler and brighter than Kentish specimens, although the melanics from the two areas appear identical. — B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Dartford, Kent.

DIASEMIOPSIS RAMBURALIS DUP. (LEP.: PYRALIDAE) IN WILTSHIRE — a rather worn specimen of this scarce immigrant came to my m.v. light at Dinton, South Wiltshire (v.c.8) on 19.19. 1987, the first recorded occurrence in this county. Other immigrants seen the same night included a single *Agrius convolvuli*, and several *Autographa gamma*. S. PALMER, The Warren, Hindon Road, Dinton, Wiltshire.

Current Literature

The Lepidoptera of Warwickshire: Parts One & Two by R. Smith and D. Brown. 64pp. A4. Limp. Warwickshire Museum Service 1987. £1.90.

Despite its title this book is merely an atlas and check-list; it does not deal with times of appearance, voltinism, melanism, local forms or genuine larval foodplants. Part I (Revised) comprises the butterflies, Part II the macro-moths. Separate Introductions are useful and interesting, as is the section on geology and habitats with